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Ca. 1830

Jacob Harbaugh Farm

Sabillasville, Maryland

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
Modern Period 1930 to present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/icehouse, milkhouse, smokehouse,
garage
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/corncrib,
grainery
Agricultural/Subsistence/animal facility/dairy barn, chicken
coop

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-53

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob Harbaugh Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 17069 Harbaugh Valley Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Sabillasville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lester G. Bittner

street & number 17069 Harbaugh Valley Road telephone no.:

city, town Sabillasville state and zip code Md. 21780

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 426

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 79

city, town Frederick state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County, Maryland, L.R. Titworth & Co., Frederick, 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 116 acres

Quadrangle name Blue Ridge Summit, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 6
Parcel 22

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md., 21701

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Har-Valley Dairy Farm (common name)
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7.1 Description

The Jacob Harbaugh Farm (or Har-Valley Dairy Farm) contains a 2 story log and frame dwelling sheathed in asphalt shingling located on the Harbaugh Valley Road approximately 1/4 miles from Sabillasville, Maryland. The principal elevation faces west and is 4 bays wide. The property consists of 12 domestic and agricultural outbuildings that date from the farm's origins in the nineteenth century.

The house rests on a raised stone foundation that banks into a hill on the east. It contains a side gable roof of standing seam tin with two brick chimneys, one off-center and one interior end. The house was constructed in two sections: the off-center chimney marks the division. The section closest to the north is of log; the other 3 bay section is frame. The west facade consists of a center entrance with an elaborate design that includes 10 sidelights on each side, a 4 light transom and a sunburst pattern beneath the transom. Fenestration on all elevations is 9/6 light double hung sash windows with symmetrical placement. The facade has an open porch with a hipped roof and chamfered columns that covers the raised basement level and the first floor. The basement level of the porch is enclosed with widely spaced vertical boards.

The north and south elevations are both 2 bays in width and contain two 4/2 attic windows along with two 9/6 windows. The east elevation has a one story porch with a standing seam tin shed roof and replaced columns. The center bay contains the same elaborate entrance surrounded with parallel placement to the main facade entrance.

Outbuildings on the property include an icehouse which is now being utilized as a feed shed, a smokehouse with tongue and groove siding and a formstone milking house which are situated close to one another several feet to the southwest of the house. Larger agricultural buildings including a bank barn converted to a dairy barn in the 1940s with an attached dairy shed, a brick, stone and frame grainery, a chicken coop replaced with cinderblock and a corncrib are located directly west of the house.

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8.1 Significance

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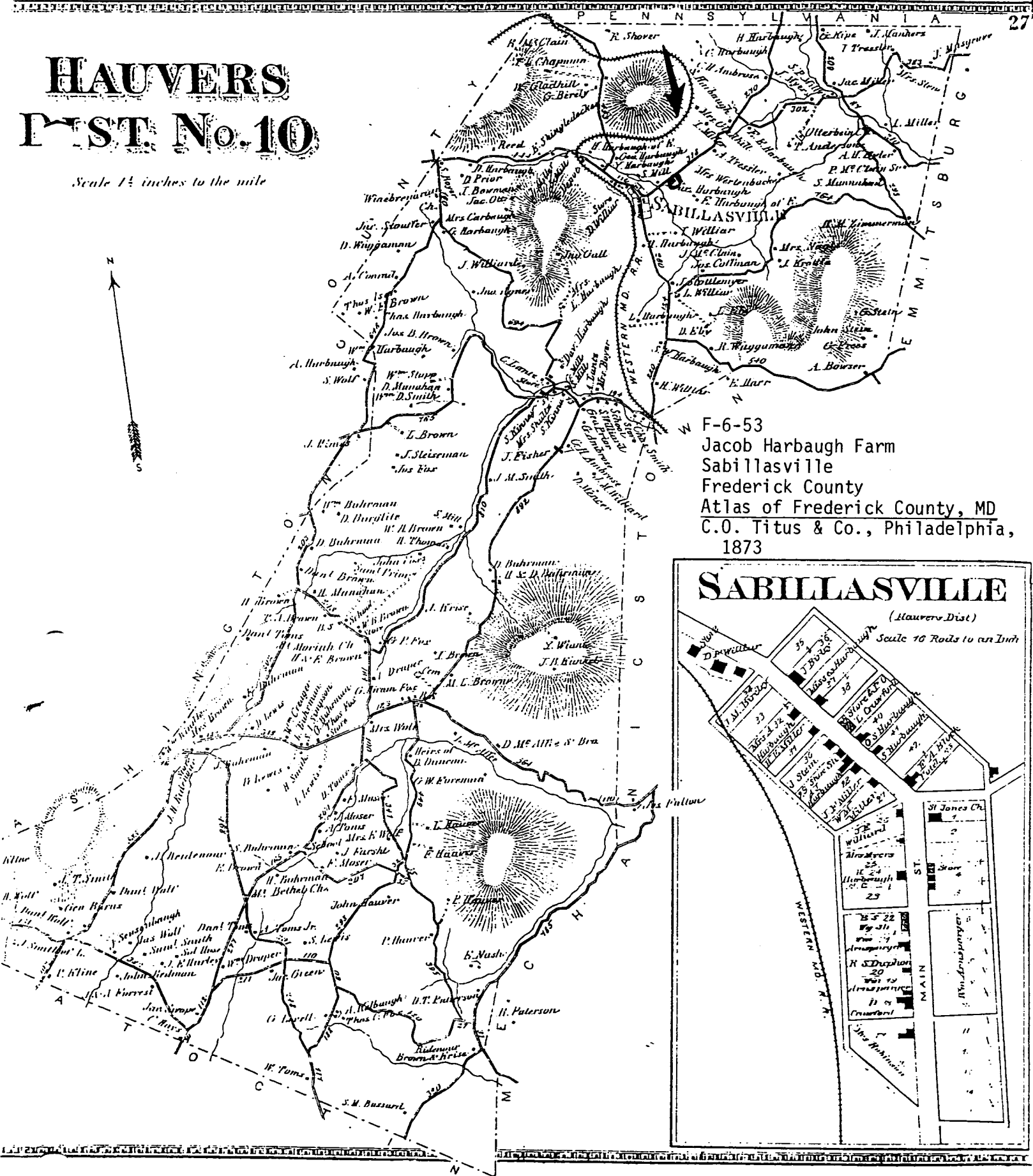
Considered within its historic context, the Jacob Harbaugh House represents a log and frame building which has not been compromised by later additions and alterations. It retains most of its original features including 9/6 light windows and elaborate entrances. Although a number of other log and frame dwellings still exist in the region, not many can compare to this house in integrity. Those that do compare lack the architectural details like the doors and windows which indicate an achieved level of prosperity.

The area known as Harbaugh's Valley was originally a Swiss settlement. One of the first settlers was George Harbaugh, a Swiss, who entered the region from Pennsylvania. The Swiss were probably attracted to the familiar landscape of the mountains. The Harbaughs, as a family, grew and prospered, and many Harbaughs still reside in the area to present day. The Jacob Harbaugh Farm was probably constructed by 1830. Jacob Harbaugh owned the property by 1858 and resided there through 1873.

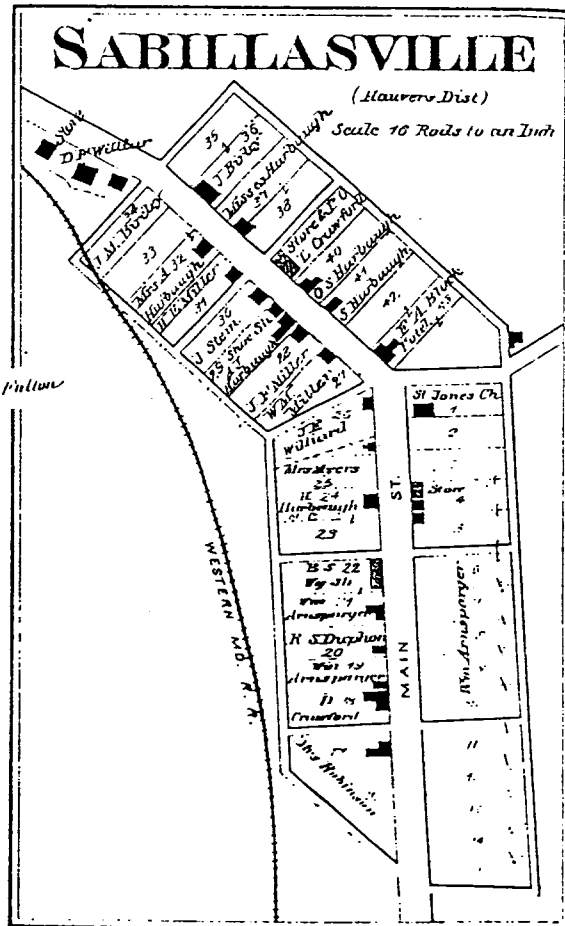
In type, the Jacob Harbaugh House conforms to a typical vernacular house form of the area, a 2 story log and frame building with a center connecting chimney. At the time of the house's expansion with the frame section, however, a more grandiose version of the house form was executed. The fanciful sunburst design above the doors and the 9/6 light windows indicate that the owner was able to afford greater expense than normally seen with additions. The new frame section was constructed with attention to detail and symmetry and became the larger section of the house (3 bays wide).

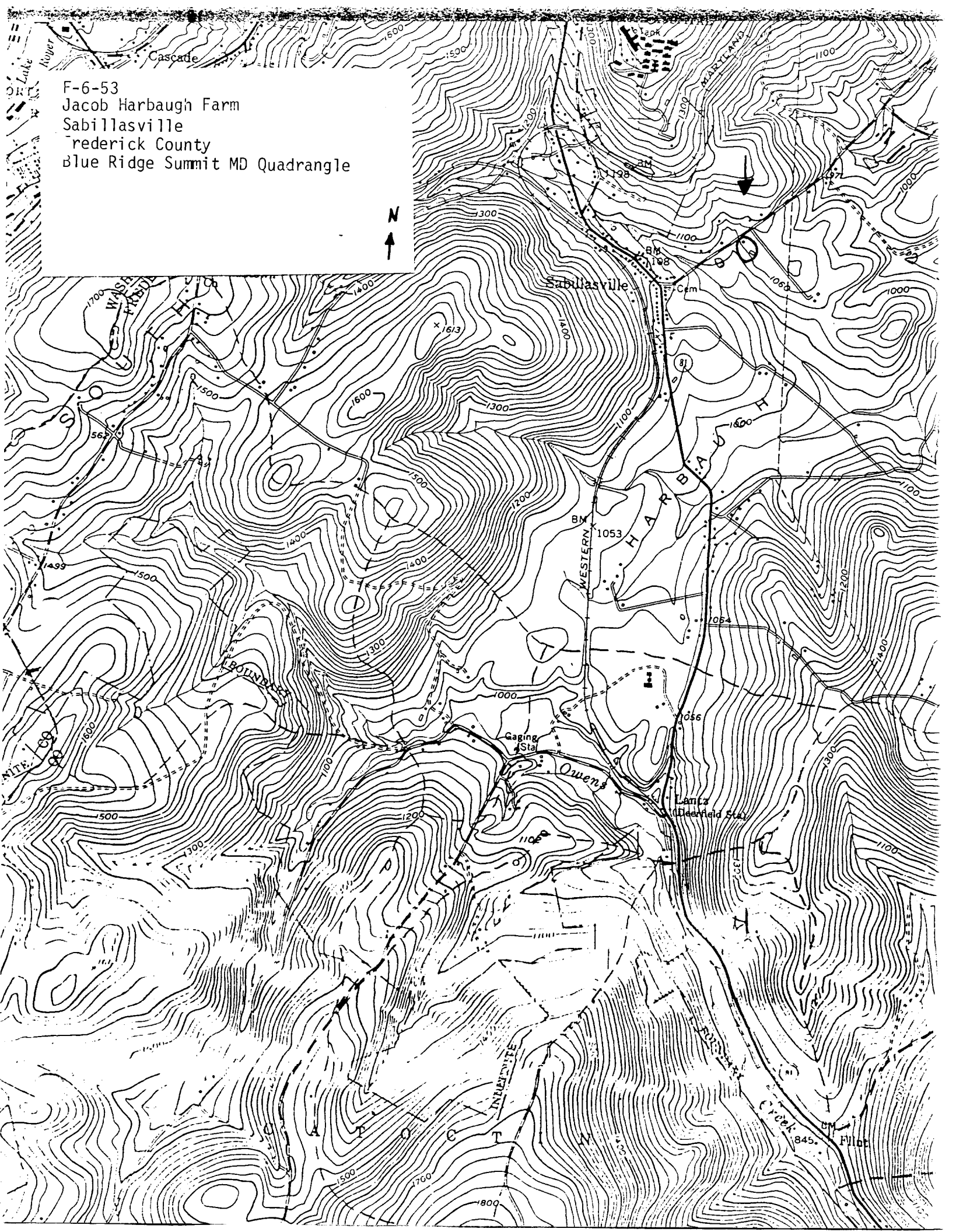
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Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile



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Blue Ridge Summit MD Quadrangle





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Jacob Harbaugh Farm

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West elevation

1/2



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Barn + silo - looking south